

## MYSTERY

Shrouds Cause of Suicide of Ex-Alliance Man in Cleveland Hotel

### FOUND DEAD IN ROOM

Cleveland, May 21.—Mystery surrounds the death of F. W. Smith, publisher, of Chardon, O., who was found dead with a bullet through his heart in the Gillsy hotel on East Ninth street, Thursday. A revolver was found by his side when the maid discovered the body in the morning and a note to his wife showed he had undoubtedly committed suicide.

Why he took his life the man did not say and there was no apparent reason. Though in his letter to his wife he mentioned his health, he appeared to be in the best of spirits and condition when he registered at the Gillsy hotel late Wednesday afternoon.

A strange coincidence was the suicide of a young girl in Alliance, O., a few weeks ago. The girl has been in Smith's employ for years. Early this spring she was married to a man named Benjamin F. Holdren. She went to live with her husband in Alliance. Three weeks afterward she drank carbolic acid. She had seemed to be in good spirits in the morning when her husband left for his work at the Pennsylvania railroad station. When he returned she was dead, lying on her bed.

Smith is said to have brooded ever since the girl left his employ to get married, and after her death he was extremely despondent.

In the note to his wife which was found in his pocket he told her that he loved her and her only and said that she knew the cause of his suicide. The note is as follows:

"My Dear Wife: This is to say goodbye as lovingly, as truly as if we were heart to heart and lip to lip. Not because a love you less, but because I love you more. You know me; you know why I do what I will do. It is nobody's business but ours. Without health I am a failure. Goodbye. Goodbye. I love you. Don't wear black for me. Be as happy as you can. Goodbye. WALLACE."

Mrs. Smith was at once notified. She said that her husband had got up early Wednesday morning and left the house without a word to her as to where he was going. She heard nothing from him until Hogan & Co. telephoned to her at Chardon that the body of her husband was at their morgue. She at once started for Cleveland to take the body home with her.

## FAIRBANKS WILL ACCEPT SECOND PLACE ON TICKET

Indianapolis, May 21.—The Fairbanks managers throughout the state are busily engaged in preparing the public mind for his withdrawal from the presidential race and his announced purpose not to stand out against a nomination for second place, if it is the will of the convention. Republican papers in all sections of Indiana are now urging the propriety of such a course, and a regular campaign has been inaugurated to demonstrate to the vice president that there is a popular demand for his renomination as vice president. Interviews with senators, extolling Mr. Fairbanks as a presiding officer and expressing the wish for his renomination, are being sent here from Washington and are being distributed to party papers and given space eagerly.

Mr. Fairbanks has never made any formal statement of his candidacy and no formal withdrawal from the race is expected, but it is known here that Taft men have been advised that he will not ask the support of the Indiana delegation further than the formal ballot of the convention, even if he goes so far as to permit himself to be placed in nomination which is now regarded as very doubtful.

## GROCERS-BUTCHERS ANNUAL EXCURSION

The Canton Grocers and Butchers will go to Cleveland on their second annual excursion Thursday, June 4. This will give the proprietors and clerks a holiday, taking the place of Decoration day, which comes on Saturday, making it impossible to close up on that day.

The excursion to Cleveland last year being a success, a canvass was taken and the vote was unanimous for an excursion to Cleveland this year. Arrangements have been made with the W. & L. E. R. R. to furnish the special train which will leave Canton at 7 a. m., and returning will leave Cleveland at 6:30 p. m. This will give ample time for the baseball fans to see a game between New York and Cleveland on that day. The fare will be \$1.00. The committee in charge is F. L. Palm, J. H. Stokely and C. C. Rice.

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## CANTON O. U. A. M. MEN HONORED

Dayton, O., May 21.—The Order of United American Mechanics elected officers as follows in the Miamisburg convention:

State councillor, C. B. Hoover, of Middletown; state vice councillor, Frank Earl, of East Liverpool; state secretary, W. R. Kanub, of Dayton; state treasurer, T. H. Arbuckle, of East Liverpool; state examiner, W. C. Ambaugh, of Mansfield; state inductor, W. W. Ellis, of Lockland; inside protector, C. C. Long, of Cambridge; outside protector, J. O. Cummings, of Harshman; state chaplain, George P. Craig, of Canton; junior ex-councillor, W. J. Wulf, of Canton; national representative, H. C. Callahan, of Cambridge, which meets in Atlantic City, N. J., in June.

The next state convention will be held at East Liverpool, Tuesday, May 18, 1909.

## SUPPOSEDLY DROWNED BOY SAFE AT HOME

Both banks of the west Nimishillen creek, between the West South and Cedar street bridges, were lined by 400 or 500 excited people Thursday evening about 6 o'clock, when the report quickly spread through the west end of the city that a small boy had been drowned in the stream, while he was accompanying some older boys who were fishing there. The little boy who was supposed to be drowned was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Richard, living at 129 Smith avenue, so some of those at the creek told Patrolman Lindesmith, who was called to the place from the headquarters.

It appears that a half dozen little boys went to the shallow stream to fish and while they were busy watching their corks for a nibble one of their number discovered that the Richard boy was no longer with them. Their first thought was that he had fallen into the creek and they gave the alarm, which quickly brought men, women and children to the brink of the stream. The men were searching under the roots of trees and brush in an endeavor to discover the remains of the lifeless child, when a messenger returned from the home of the child's parents saying that the little fellow was at home safe and sound and that he had tired of the sport at the creek and went home.

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## NEW BALTIMORE.

New Baltimore, O., May 20.—The commencement exercises of the New Baltimore high school were a success in every particular. The class was composed of two members, Miss Ruth Shock and Miss Blanche Stevens. Miss Shock took as her subject "Woman's Progress." Miss Stevens spoke on the subject, "American Contributions to Civilization," both of which were delivered in a very pleasing manner. The Imperial Quartet, of Alliance, furnished the music. Prof. Graham, of Columbus, gave the class address. Much praise is due to Prof. Williams for faithful work for the past year in the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hamilton and family, of Atwater, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Swartz were Alliance visitors, Wednesday.

Mrs. Eck, of Cleveland, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Baum, of this place.

Flag day will be observed with appropriate exercises in the Christian church June 7, at 11 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chain and family were Alliance visitors last Thursday.

George Swift received news of the death of his father, Riley Swift, who died in the Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Three of the pupils from the New Baltimore high school attended the Patterson examination, Fern, Gladys and Clarence Cole.

Charles Honeywell, of Cleveland, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Honeywell.

Dr. Falor and daughter, Gladys, spent Saturday in Cleveland.

Mrs. Alva Stickle and Miss Lucy Stickle, of Alliance, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Keifer and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holebaugh, of Marlboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Napp, of Ravenna, were Sunday visitors at Jacob Kiefer's.

Rev. Jenkins and A. R. Damon had telephones placed in their residences the past week.

Mrs. A. M. Cole, of Alliance, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Nash.

Mrs. Elliott, of Alliance, has been taking care of her mother, Mrs. Kiefer, who has been sick for the past week.

George Swift, who has been in Cleveland for the past week, returned home Sunday, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Carrie Weaver, who expects to spend the summer here with her parents.

The Stark County W. C. T. U. institute was held in the Christian church here May 19 and 20. Mrs. Slater and Miss Simon were the state speakers. There was one evening session held May 19.

## CHESTNUT RIDGE.

Chestnut Ridge, May 20.—Miss Anna Brumbaugh and Preston Ribaldt have the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Shrop, of East Akron, spent a few days with Mrs. Shrop's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wilson, of this place.

Charles Honeywell, of Cleveland, is visiting with relatives and friends.

Adam Snyder, who had been staying with his son-in-law at Alliance, is visiting a few weeks with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ribaldt, of this place.

Enos Hurschberger made a business trip to New Baltimore Saturday.

Peter Wymer was at Hartsville Saturday.

Ralph Young made a business trip to New Baltimore Saturday.

Harry Dickerhoff plowed and planted Philip Woolf's lot Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stratton were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Glutner, south

## of New Baltimore, Sunday.

Miss Daisy Bowers, Messrs. Jesse, William and Dennis Bowers and Miss Bessie Dulabahn, who is employed by Mrs. Samuel Brumbaugh, called on Miss Lucy Miller, Sunday.

William Bowers is working a week or two for Floyd Diemer.

Adam Steffy and son, Ivan, were to New Baltimore, Saturday.

Frank Dulabahn and Henry Bair were to Marlboro on business Saturday.

Charles Knisley and family spent Sunday with Peter Ribaldt and family.

Miss Dorsey Bowers was in Hartsville Saturday.

Miss Mary Hill, of Greentown, is visiting with Eli Brumbaugh and Miss Mary Miller for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wymer and children, Ethel, Maggie and Duoy, Frank Knisley and Clarence Royer were to New Baltimore Saturday.

Harrison Fettes visited his friends in this vicinity Sunday.

Samuel Brumbaugh is on the sick list.

Frank Dulabahn and daughters, Estella and Rosella, were evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brumbaugh, Sunday.

Miss Bertha Robertson, of Marlboro, was a caller of Mrs. C. F. Dulabahn, Wednesday.

Henry A. Bair and Harley Smith were to Canton on business Thursday.

Mrs. Harry Dickerhoff, who is ill, is reported better.

O. F. Dulabahn purchased a new cultivator of Samuel Brumbaugh.

Tony and Pierce Breckenridge were to New Baltimore Saturday.

## NEW FRANKLIN.

New Franklin, O., May 20.—The storm on Saturday did considerable damage through here.

Quill Johnson and family, of Canton, were visiting Catherine Lownes over Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Holwick and Mrs. Nora Unkefer paid a visit to the family of John Hahn, at Bayard, last Sunday.

Mr. Barnhart and family, of Alliance, were the guests of Mary McDaniel, Sunday.

Rev. Cooper, of Robertsville, was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Finley McDaniel has gone to Jefferson county to work for the summer.

Arthur Crowl is somewhat improved.

Our board of education met Monday evening, and J. W. Martin was hired to teach the New Franklin school the coming year.

'Squire King, of West township, Columbiana county, was buried at the chapel last Sunday.

Roy Walker, of Sebring, was selling pottery ware through here Monday.

Charles Essick's barn will be raised Thursday.

The Show Me's, of New Franklin, agreed to play the Startle the Worlds, of Freeburg, a game of ball last Sunday upon the latter's diamond. The Show-Mes were on deck at the appointed hour, but the bombastic sphere shover of the Startle the Worlds neglected to appear.

Miss Bell has returned to her home at Bloomdale, Jefferson county, after a week's visit with friends here.

William Fearn is once more with us after an absence of several weeks.

Louis Glass acted as supply man in carrying the mail last Saturday.

J. W. Martin, Mina Cassidy, Raymond Haynam and Mrs. J. W. Martin have been chosen delegates from this place to the District Epworth League convention, to be held at Greentown, June 10 and 11.

Columbus—Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers consider plan to permit indigent members to draw from insurance fund during their lives instead of leaving it to be drawn by families after their death.

## PARIS.

Paris, May 20.—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sponseller and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Farmer were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farmer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waltz and Miss Mary Waltz spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Matz.

Harley Foltz has moved his family into the A. J. Bair house, north of Robertsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lantzenholser and Fred Maurer and sister, Carrie, visited friends at this place Sunday.

Miss Mildred Sponseller is spending several days at the home of her uncle, Joseph Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foltz, Mrs. J. Lutz and Miss Della Lentz spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Motta.

Preparations are being made to celebrate Memorial Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Waltz visited Mr. and Mrs. James Speckman, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Simmer and daughter, Helen, of Canton, and Mrs. J. Perkey, of Alliance, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Seifert, Sunday.

The triplet baby girls of Mr. and Mrs. Carlen, west of town, are all doing well.

Mr. Lang, of Canton, erected a monument for the late Lewis Conrad, Monday.

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